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SUBJ/**NATO MEDAL FOR KOSOVO OPERATIONS//**

REF/A/DOD 1348.33-M, MANUAL OF MILITARY AWARDS &

DECORATIONS/SEPTEMBER 1996//

REF/B/ANNEX A & C TO ACE DIRECTIVE 40-8 20/10/99, THE **NATO MEDAL//**

AMPN/REF A CHAPTER 7 ESTABLISHES THE WEAR OF THE **NATO MEDAL** BY US MILITARY.//

REF/B/ANNEX A - DESCRIBES ADMINISTRATION FOR GETTING THE **NATO MEDAL**.

ANNEX C - GIVES QUALIFICATIONS FOR **NATO MEDAL** FOR KOSOVO OPERATIONS//

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1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES SECDEF APPROVAL FOR WEAR BY US SERVICE MEMBERS AND CIVILIANS OF THE **NATO MEDAL (NM)** FOR OPERATIONS RELATED TO KOSOVO IAW REF A CHAPTER 7, PARA E.1.K, PAGE 7-10. ONLY ONE **NATO MEDAL/RIBBON** IS AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR. WEAR BY US MILITARY OF BOTH **NATO MEDALS/RIBBONS** IS PROHIBITED. SERVICE MEMBERS WILL WEAR THE **NATO MEDAL** THEY WERE AWARDED 1ST. SHOULD THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR THE OTHER **NATO MEDAL** IT WILL BE INDICATED BY A BRONZE SERVICE STAR ON THE 1ST **NATO AWARD**. THAT IS: AWARD OF THE NM FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND SUBSEQUENT

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AWARD OF NM FOR KOSOVO MEANS WEAR OF THE NM FOR YUGOSLAVIA WITH ONE BRONZE STAR FOR NM FOR KOSOVO; OR NM FOR KOSOVO 1ST AND NM FOR YUGOSLAVIA 2ND EQUALS WEAR OF NM FOR KOSOVO WITH ONE BRONZE STAR FOR YUGOSLAVIA. US SERVICE MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF THE MULTIPLE ROTATIONS/TOURS TO EITHER OR BOTH NM OPERATIONS WILL WEAR ONLY ONE NM WITH A MAX OF ONE BRONZE STAR AS CITED ABOVE. US SERVICE MEMBERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED THE WEAR OF NUMERIC SYMBOLS ON EITHER NM.

2. QUALIFICATION FOR AWARD OF THE NM FOR KOSOVO ARE:

- A. (1) PARTICIPATION IN NATO OPERATIONS RELATED TO KOSOVO FROM 10/13/98 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED FOR 30 CONTINUOUS/ACCUMULATED DAYS IN THE AOE. THE AOE IS THE LAND, AT SEA, OR IN THE AIR SPACE OF KOSOVO; OTHER TERRITORIES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (FRY)(FRY IS SERBIA, MONTENEGRO, CROATIA, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, & SLOVENIA); ALBANIA; MACEDONIA; AND THE ADRIATIC & IONIAN SEAS.
- (2) AIRCREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION ALLIED FORCE BETWEEN 3/24/99 AND 6/10/99 QUALIFY AFTER FLYING 15 SORTIES IN KOSOVO & FRY.
- (3) AIRCREW MEMBERS NOT QUALIFYING UNDER 2.A.(2) ACCUMULATE ONE DAY OF QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR THE 1ST SORTIE FLOWN ON ANY DAY. ADDED SORTIES ON THE SAME DAY RECEIVE NO FURTHER CREDIT REGARDLESS OF AIRCRAFT (SUPPORT/COMBAT). SUPPORT ARE TANKER, AIRLIFT & SURVEILLANCE

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AIRCRAFT.

(4) INDIVIDUALS WOUNDED OR INJURED AND REQUIRING SUBSEQUENT EVACUATION FROM THE DEFINED AREA OF ELIGIBILITY, REGARDLESS OF TIME IN THE AOE, QUALIFY.

B. (1) 90 DAYS CONTINUOUS/ACCUMULATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIES OF ITALY, GREECE AND HUNGARY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF NATO OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE AOE OF PARA 2.A.(1) PROVIDED THIS SUPPORT IS ORIGINATED FROM THE TERRITORIES OF ITALY, GREECE AND HUNGARY.

(2) DIRECT SUPPORT INCLUDES THOSE FUNCTIONS WHICH PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE NATO OPERATIONS IN THE AOE OF PARA 2.A.(1).

3. NATO HQ INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) IS THE FINAL APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR THE NM. SHAPE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF (ACOS) ACE RESOURCES/RMM WILL ADMINISTER ALL ASPECTS FOR AWARD OF THE NM FOR KOSOVO.

(A) UNIT COMMANDERS WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST THROUGH THEIR NATO CHAIN OF COMMAND (KFOR, PCC SHAPE, ETC). THIS REQUEST MUST INCLUDE A 3.5" DISKETTE LABELED WITH THE REQUESTING COMMAND MAILING ADDRESS, NUMBER OF MEDALS REQUESTED AND DISK'S FILE(S) NAMES. THE DISKETTE

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WILL LIST QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN EXCEL 5.0 COLUMN FORMAT WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFO (COLUMN TITLE IS UNDERLINED):

SSN; FAMILY NAME ONLY; RANK ABBREVIATED; NATION ABBREVIATED; SERVICE ONE LETTER/C FOR CIVILIAN; DEPLOYED UNIT NAME; LOCATION UNIT SERVED IN THEATER; NUMBER OF DAYS CLAIMED TOWARDS ELIGIBILITY (30 - 90).

(B) ENDORSED CORRESPONDENCE WITH DISK SHOULD BE MAILED TO ACE RESOURCES/RMM, SHAPE, 7010 MONS, BELGIUM.

4. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ACE RESOURCES/RMM AT THESE NUMBERS IN BELGIUM (DSN 314-423-3638 OR 314-423-4117)//

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